

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-13 Building Date: ca. 1900-1930's  
Building Name: Mt. Rainier Historic Survey Area  
Location: 34th Street Commercial Strip. Mt. Rainier

Description

Mt. Rainier is located in the angle formed by the northeastern District of Columbia boundary line and the B&O Railroad. The Mt. Rainier survey area is composed of the commercial strip that developed to serve the town of Mt. Rainier shortly after its subdivision in 1903 and during the early years of its development, through the 1930's. The area is bounded by Rhode Island Avenue on the south and encompasses the east and west sides of 34th Street through its business district, which ends with 4010 34th Street on the west and 4005 34th Street on the east side of the street. The residential area north of the business district on 34th Street is not included within the survey boundaries, although the residences date to the same period as the commercial strip. The bounds of the survey area could be enlarged at some future time.

Significance

The Town of Mt. Rainier developed rapidly after its subdivision in 1903 and its incorporation in 1910. It is significant for retaining much of its fabric of early 20th century residences, small commercial buildings and churches. The commercial strip at 34th Street and Rhode Island Avenue, the focus of this survey, is a cohesive grouping of low scale commercial buildings dating from 1910 through the 1930's. Despite some unsympathetic alterations and intrusions, its character as a small town, early 20th century main street has been maintained.

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Magi No.

DOE ☒ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Rainier Historic Survey Area

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number

☐ not for publication

city, town Mt. Rainier

☐ vicinity of

congressional district 5

state Maryland

county Prince George's County

## 3. Classification

### Category

☒ district  
☐ building(s)  
☐ structure  
☐ site  
☐ object

### Ownership

☒ public  
☒ private  
☐ both  
**Public Acquisition**  
☐ in process  
☐ being considered  
☒ not applicable

### Status

☒ occupied  
☐ unoccupied  
☐ work in progress  
**Accessible**  
☒ yes: restricted  
☐ yes: unrestricted  
☐ no

### Present Use

☐ agriculture  
☐ commercial  
☐ educational  
☐ entertainment  
☐ government  
☐ industrial  
☐ military  
☐ museum  
☐ park  
☐ private residence  
☐ religious  
☐ scientific  
☐ transportation  
☐ other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Multiple Owners

street & number

telephone no.:

city, town

state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Prince George's County Courthouse

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street & number

Main Street

folio

city, town

Upper Marlboro

state

MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

Historic Preservation Commission, Room 4010

city, town

Upper Marlboro,

state

MD. 20772

## 7. Description

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Mt. Rainier is located in the angle formed by the northeastern District of Columbia boundary line and the B&O Railroad. The Mt. Rainier survey area is composed of the commercial strip that developed to serve the town of Mt. Rainier shortly after its subdivision in 1903 and during the early years of its development, through the 1930's. The area is bounded by Rhode Island Avenue on the south and encompasses the east and west sides of 34th Street through its business district, which ends with 4010 34th Street on the west and 4005 34th Street on the east side of the street. The residential area north of the business district on 34th Street is not included within the survey boundaries, although the residences date to the same period as the commercial strip. The bounds of the survey area could be enlarged at some future time.

Twenty-six commercial buildings line both sides of 34th Street for a distance of approximately two blocks. The street slopes steeply upward from Rhode Island Avenue and the buildings are arranged up the slope in a step-like fashion. The commercial buildings end abruptly in the middle of the second block with the beginning of the residential neighborhood. The proximity of the residential area reinforces the small town character of the commercial strip.

There are generally four building types in the commercial area. Scattered among the commercial buildings are single-family dwellings which have been converted to commercial use. Most of these are two stories in height, of frame with gable or hipped roofs. Some have side gable entrance facades with entrance porches. Two have front gable entrance facades. Buildings 7, 16, and 18 are of these types. Numbers 9, 17 and 19 appear to remain in residential use. Building number 10 is undergoing renovation and it is not apparent what its use will be.

Of the commercial buildings, numbers 21 through 26 are one-story brick structures with square plans and shed roofs sloping toward the rear, hidden by a high flat or stepped parapet. These buildings are greater than three bays in width and contain two or more separate store fronts. Building number 14 displays similar characteristics, but contains only one store front.

Buildings 3, 4 and 5, rising along the north side of 34th Street, are two stories in height, of brick or frame, 2-3 bays in width, with a shed roof sloping toward the rear. A high front parapet with ornate cornice embellishment disguises the shed roof slope. These buildings are all approximately of the same width and have one or two store fronts on the first level, with an entrance to residential or office uses on the second level.

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A third commercial type are large two-story brick buildings greater than three bays in width with decorative facades. All have high flat parapets with heavily embellished cornices in brick or cement. The facades are divided by brick pilasters marking the bays and there may be a cornice between first and second levels. Buildings 1, 12, 15 and 20 are of this type. Building 11 is a large two-story brick structure which was given a formal, commercial character through the addition of a two-story brick facade embellished in the above manner, on its 34th Street elevation.

Many of the buildings in the survey area have been unsympathetically altered. Changes include modern commercial fronts installed to replace older display windows, window and door openings covered or made smaller, and brick and frame buildings covered with incompatible siding materials. There is also intrusion by noncontributing buildings of less than 50 years of age. These include numbers 2, 6, 8, 13 and 25 in the inventory.

Despite unsympathetic alterations to historic buildings, gaps in the line of buildings due to empty lots and intrusion of noncontributing buildings, the appearance of an early 20th century commercial district is maintained. This two block section of 34th Street is cohesive due to the scale, construction materials and similar setback of contributing buildings. Formed during the first 20-30 years of the 20th century, this strip contains examples of the evolution of small commercial buildings over this time span.

Inventory  
Mt. Rainier Survey Area  
C = Contributing  
NC = Noncontributing

1. (C) Odd-Even Thrift Shop, (ca. 1910-20), 3801 34th Street, map 49, parcel 19, northeast corner of 34th Street and Rhode Island Avenue.

This two-story brick corner building is two bays on 34th Street and four bays on Rhode Island Avenue. Entrance is in the corner bay through a door with a high segmental arch transom. There are segmental arches marked by a triple row of corbelled brick headers above all the windows. A large old single pane commercial window faces Rhode Island Avenue. The corners of the building are corbelled. A heavy crown molded wood or metal cornice follows the flat roofline.

2. (NC) Wang's Carry-Out, (ca. 1970's), 3805 34th Street, map 49, parcel 20.

A one-story frame commercial building with an asphalt shingle mansard roof. The wood siding, roofline and small scale of the

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building as well as the construction date do not contribute to the character of the survey area.

3. (C) (ca. late 19th-early 20th c.) 3809-3811 34th Street, map 49, parcel 21.

A three-bay, two-story commercial building with a shed roof sloping toward the east (rear). The facade is covered with asbestos shingle and surmounted by a wood or metal crown molded cornice with dentils and corner brackets. There are three entrances at first level. The central entrance leads to the upper level, the north and south entrances are flanked by a commercial window and lead to separate first level shops. Aluminum awnings shade the shop fronts. Upper windows are 1/1 sash, also shaded by awnings.

4. (C) (ca. late 19th-early 20th c.) 3813-3815 34th Street, map 49, parcel 22.

A two-bay, two-story brick commercial building with a shed roof sloping toward the east (rear). The facade is surmounted by a high parapet with a wide metal frieze and crown molded cornice with corner brackets. The second level had two large segmental arch openings that have been altered with wood infill to smaller rectangular windows. The arches are of brick stretchers placed vertically. The wide window sills are of brick stretchers. The first level has two commercial bays composed of an entrance flanked by a large window. There is a metal cornice between first and second levels. The store fronts have multi-pane clerestory windows, now painted over.

5. (C) (ca. late 19th-early 20th c.) 3817 34th Street, map 49, parcel 23.

Third in a block of commercial buildings climbing the steep incline of the street. A two-story frame building of three bays, with a shed roof sloping toward the east (rear). The facade is surmounted by a crown molded cornice supported on three brackets spaced evenly across the facade. The upper level is wood shingled and has new aluminum windows. There is a metal cornice between first and second levels. The first level has an entrance surmounted by a transom, which probably leads to the upper floors. The second bay is a store front, with two modern projecting display windows flanking the entrance. The rest of the building is covered with horizontal wood siding.

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6. (NC) (ca. 1940's) 3827 34th Street, map 49, parcel 24.

A three-bay, two-story brick apartment building, rectangular in plan with a flat roof.

7. (C) (ca. early 20th c.) 3829 34th Street, map 49, block 1, parcel 25.

A two-story frame cross gable dwelling altered for commercial use. The two bay main gable end has entrance in the first bay. The porch crosses the west (main) facade and wraps around the south facade. It has been enclosed, excepting the entrance bay, which is suanted by a triangular pediment. The building has wood shingle on the main facade and aluminium siding over the rest of the exterior. Windows are new, 1/1 with aluminum louvered shutters. *Formerly a Drycleaner's store. Office now in 3827.*

8. (NC) Gallery Antiques, (ca. early 20th c.) 3833 34th Street, map 49, block 1, parcel 26.

A two-by-two-bay shed roof frame building set on a cement base. The front facade is covered with brick veneer and has a one-story, flat roof projecting brick bay with large commercial windows. Windows on the building have all been altered to modern 1/1 windows of varied size. This may be an old structure but it is altered and has lost its integrity.

9. (C) (ca. early 20th c.) 3837 34th Street, map 49, block 1, parcel 27.

A two-story, cross gable frame dwelling of two-by-three-bays, similar in plan to 3829 34th Street. The building is covered with asphalt shingle siding and has new 1/1 window with new false wooden shutters. Entrance is in the first bay of the west (main) gable end through an original door with two lower panels and an upper glass light. The hipped roof entrance porch supported on wood columns, crosses the facade and wraps around the south facade. There is a rectangular window centered in the pedimented upper gable.

10. (C) 3841 34th Street, map 49, block 1, parcel 28.

A low two-story, gable roofed frame dwelling of rectangular plan, covered with aluminum siding. There are two entrances on the three bay main (west) gable end. The central entrance has a transom. Windows on the facade are 6/6 sash, some are double. The building rests on a brick foundation. It has been altered but retains integrity as an early 20th c. building.

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11. (C) Kline's Bakery, (ca. 1900) 3849 34th Street, map 49, block 1, parcel 1, southeast corner of 34th Street and Bunker Hill.

A large two-story brick building of four-by-two bays with a hipped slate roof. Windows have segmental arch lintels of a double row of headers. They are 2/2 sash with cement sills. Two hipped dormers with double 2/2 windows flank a high interior chimney on the north facade. A hipped roof enclosed porch with multi-pane floor-to-ceiling window panels is at first level. The west facade, fronting on 34th Street, has a two-story flat roof brick addition of two-by-one bays with an elaborate crown molded metal cornice. The window treatment is the same as on the main block. At first level are two projecting hipped roof shop windows on brick bases, and an entrance with a transom at the corner of the building. *Labeled the same as above*

12. (C) Nationwide Insurance (ca. 1910-20) 3316 Perry Street, map 49, block 7, parcels 1 and 2, northwest corner of 34th and Rhode Island Avenue.

A two-story white-painted brick corner building of irregular plan. The four bay ca. 1920's front facade was added onto a turn-of-the-century bank building. The one bay entrance bay has a recessed entrance, a double door surmounted by a high round arch head. The door is flanked by two massive Doric columns. The eastern bay slants at an angle, up 34th Street. The west two bays front on Rhode Island Avenue. All are composed of bands of triple 1/1 windows with lintels of vertical stretchers and corbelled sills. The brick face of the building has regularly spaced inset courses, and a heavy corbelled cornice below a high parapet. Visible above the parapet is an octagonal cupola, a feature of the earlier bank building.

13. (NC) ~~(ca. 1950's)~~ 3800-3806 34th Street, map 49, block 7, parcel 27.

A flat roofed, one-story block of store fronts, with glazed entrances flanked by large plate-glass windows with metal surrounds, *stone veneer. Formerly a 2 story building - Blue Bird Dance Hall. Upper floor removed, building remodeled.*

14. (C) One Stop Auto Parts, (ca. early 20th c.) 3808 34th Street, map 49, block 7, parcel 26.

A two-bay one-story shed roof brick commercial building with a stepped parapet surmounting the front and sides. The main facade is altered by a projecting metal and plate-glass store front. An old crown molded metal cornice and the stepped parapet with a center raised rectangular plaque is visible above the new store

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front. The building is very long and narrow, with unfenestrated north and south sides. *Formerly a grocery.*

15. (C) Faith Evangelistic Church (ca. 1920's) 3822 34th Street, map 49, block 1, parcels 23 and 24.

A large one-story, three bay rectangular brick commercial building rising along the slope of the street. The east (main) facade has brick pilasters with a cement base and upper decorative tile defining the center bay and the building's corners. There were once four large square openings in the facade. These have been bricked over except for the multi-pane transom panels. Two heavy metal crown molded cornices surmount the facade, which also has a high stepped parapet. A sign in the shape of a cross is centered above the facade. *Formerly the Cameo Theater. Closed in 1950, became a shop and Post Office.*

16. (NC) C. K. McConkey and Sons, Inc. (ca. early 20th c.), 3824 34th Street, map 49, block 7, parcel 22.

A cross gable dwelling altered for commercial use. A brick veneer and modern fenestration have lessened its integrity.

17. (C) (ca. 1930's), 3828 34th Street, map 49, block 7, parcel 21.

A two-story frame, side gable dwelling of two-by-two bays, resting on a cement base. The east (main) facade has entrance in the second bay, sheltered by a shed roof facade - wide entrance porch. Windows are triple 3/1 sash. The building is covered with asbestos shingle and has overhanging eaves with projecting rafter ends. A shed roof dormer with two narrow horizontal casement windows surmounts the main facade. A brick chimney rises from the gable ridge.

18. (C) (ca. early 20th c.) 3830 34th Street, map 49, block 7, parcel 20.

A two-story, front gable frame dwelling of rectangular plan, altered for commercial use. The two-bay east (main) gable end has two modern entrances, the first flanked by two single pane new commercial windows. The first level is covered by vertical board siding, the rest of the building with asbestos shingle. Windows are 1/1 sash with plain wood surrounds. There is a raking board with end kicks, and a rectangular louvered opening in the upper gable.



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19. (C) (ca. early 20th c.) 3838 34th Street, map 49, block 7, parcel 19.

A three-by-two bay two-story frame dwelling, square in plan. The hipped roof is asphalt shingle and has a shed roof dormer centered above the three-bay east (main) facade. Entrance is in the first and third bays, the central third bay entrance having a transom. The first level is sheltered by a hipped roof porch supported by new aluminum posts. Windows are 1/1 sash with wood sills and crown molded lintels. The building is covered with white asbestos shingle and has a cement foundation. The boxed cornice has overhanging eaves.

20. (C) (ca. 1920's) 3842-56 34th Street, map 49, block 7, parcel 19, southwest corner, 34th and Bunker Hill.

A five-by-three bay two-story brick commercial building of rectangular plan. The five bay east (main) facade is articulated by brick pilasters with high cement bases and capitals. There are five shop entrances surmounted by a two-light transoms and flanked by a large single-pane commercial window with a transom. A crown molded metal cornice separates the first and second level. Windows at second level are triple 6/1 sash. A metal cornice runs around the building above the second level and a second heavy crown molded cornice defines the top of the flat high parapet. This corner building has a hard red brick facade on east and north sides, with softer brick to the rear and south side.

21. (C) Garden of Gethsemane Church of God, (ca. 1930's), 4000 34th Street, map 49, block 2, parcel 1, northwest corner of 34th Street at Bunker Hill.

A one-story rectangular commercial corner building with a south and east facade of red brick and a north (rear) facade of cement block. There is a corner entrance and a large projecting commercial window with a brick base on the 34th Street facade. The windows on the Bunkerhill facade are bricked over. There is corbelling at the building corners and a crown molded metal cornice along the flat roofline.

22. (C) Mt. Rainier Hardware, (ca. 1930's), 4002-04 34th Street, map 49, block 2, parcel 2.

A one-story, three-bay rectangular commercial building of yellow brick. The east (main) facade has two entrances, each surmounted by a transom, interspaced with three projecting glass commercial window bays. Both door and window openings are surmounted by a lintel of vertical headers. There is a crown molded metal cornice along the flat roofline. There is a stepped parapet above the first two bays of the facade.

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23. (C) Mt. Rainier Pharmacy (ca. 1930's), 4006-08 34th Street, map 49, block 2, parcel 2.

A large, flat roofed rectangular commercial block of one story, constructed of yellow brick. The east (main) facade has two store fronts, each with a new central entrance flanked by two new metal and glass projecting shop windows. The facades are surmounted by a stepped parapet with a center high point, and embellished by a diamond-shaped tile above each central entrance. A decorative metal cornice follows the steps of the parapet.

24. (NC) (ca. 1940's) 4010 34th Street, map 49, block 2, parcel 3.

A one-story, flat roofed square red brick commercial building with a stepped parapet. Built with a facade and plan similar to the adjoining commercial buildings, this building is compatible with the character of the survey area but is of too recent a construction date. It is built in the front yard and partially obstructs a ca. 1930's bungalow to its rear.

25. (NC) Capital Hill Antiques, (ca. 1940's), 4003 34th Street, map 49, block 1, parcel 1, northeast corner of 34th and Bunker Hill.

A one-story, flat roofed corner commercial building of irregular plan, similar to 4000 34th Street, on the opposite corner. Constructed of pink brick, with altered fenestration and new windows and doors, the building is of similar character to the surrounding commercial buildings but is of recent construction date and poorly altered.

26. (C) (ca. 1930's) 4005-009 34th Street, map 49, block 1, parcel 2.

A large one-story yellow brick commercial block of rectangular plan, with three separate store fronts. The building is surmounted by a stepped parapet with the highest point over the center store front, visually tying the triple front together into one unit. Each store front has a central double entrance flanked by two projecting glass shop windows on brick bases. Two of the store fronts are surmounted by aluminum awnings. The rear of the building is of red brick. A stepped parapet on the north and south sides hides the east (rear) sloping shed roof.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates 1903, 1910 Builder/Architect

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and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### Summary

The Town of Mt. Rainier developed rapidly after its subdivision in 1903 and its incorporation in 1910. It is significant for retaining much of its fabric of early 20th century residences, small commercial buildings and churches. The commercial strip at 34th Street and Rhode Island Avenue, the focus of this survey, is a cohesive grouping of low scale commercial buildings dating from 1910 through the 1930's. Despite some unsympathetic alterations and intrusions, its character as a small town, early 20th century main street has been maintained.

### History and Support

According to tradition, Mr. Rainier was given its name by two army engineers from Seattle, Washington, who purchased the tract the town developed on and subdivided it in 1891.<sup>1</sup> The 100 acre tract, called Chilham Castle Manor in the 18th century, was later known as Clemson Place.<sup>2</sup> It was owned in the 19th century by the Clemson family, the daughter and son-in-law of John C. Calhoun. Calhoun lived in the Clemson house, north of Bunker Hill Road between 31st and 32nd, in the years preceding the Civil War. The house burned shortly after 1900.<sup>3</sup>

Although located just outside the eastern boundary of the District of Columbia, on a spur of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, Mt. Rainier did not develop as a community until the first decade of the 20th century. An electric trolley line, the City and Suburban Railroad Company, was completed out Rhode Island Avenue to Hyattsville in 1899. The Mt. Rainier Subdivision was sold by the original owners to a syndicate in 1903.<sup>4</sup> There were about fifteen houses and fifty inhabitants in the area at that time. When Mt. Rainier incorporated in 1910 there were 1,200 inhabitants.<sup>5</sup>

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Mt. Rainier offered to prospective residents a rural atmosphere, inexpensive one or two story frame dwellings on large lots, and easy access to Washington, D.C. via the trolley. A small commercial district formed at the intersection of 34th Street and Rhode Island Avenue, with the trolley stop at the southwest corner of the intersection. The district contained a post office, meeting hall, dry goods stores, a bakery, a laundry, a hardware store, a cobbler and a barber.<sup>6</sup> With the inclusion of several storefront churches and a restaurant, this is the type of business that remains in the area today. Early residents of the trolley suburb included those working in the construction industry. Another large employer was the Federal government, primarily the printing office and the Navy Yard. Other residents worked in retail, probably some of them in Mt. Rainier's commercial district. There were also some professionals such as doctors, attorneys, school teachers, a stock broker, a dentist, and a newspaperman.<sup>7</sup> Mt. Rainier has remained a middle class community up to the present day.

Mt. Rainier developed rapidly over a short period of time, as a trolley suburb of Washington, D.C. It has remained a fairly stable blue collar and middle class neighborhood throughout its history. Its relatively homogeneous built fabric has undergone little change over the years. The community retains its character as an early twentieth century suburb.

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> City of Mt. Rainier, Maryland 75th Anniversary Book, William George ed., City of Mt. Rainier, 1985, pg. 30.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid. p. 28.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid. pg. 31.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid. pg. 32.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid. pg. 34.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes #8

## 10. Geographical Data

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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Resource Sketch Map: coding system

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The cultural and historic resources within the boundaries of the area being nominated are to be coded on the Resource Sketch Map to indicate the contributive value of the resources to the significance of the area at the time the nomination is made. The codes listed below are to be used. Application of this coding system or any variation of it is to be made only in consultation with the Maryland Historical Trust. Contact the National Register section of the Trust at (301) 269-2438 before coding the resources. All resources (buildings, including outbuildings and garages, structures such as bridges and towers, and objects such as fountains and monuments) indicated on the map must be coded. The coding system with definitions must appear in the legend of the Resource Sketch Map.

- A. A contributing resource with an exceptionally high level of integrity and historic and/or architectural significance to the nomination.
- B. A contributing resource with a high level of integrity and historic and/or architectural significance to the nomination.
- C. A contributing resource with a low level of integrity whose contribution could be enhanced by sympathetic rehabilitation or restoration or by research documenting historic significance unknown at the time of nomination.
- D. A resource that does not contribute to the significance of the nomination but may be eligible for listing in the National Register within another historical and/or cultural context.
- E. A resource that does not contribute to the significance of the nomination and is not eligible for listing in the National Register.
- F. A contributing open-space of historic or scenic significance to the nomination such as a park, town square, agricultural fields, meadows, pastures, etc.
- G. A non-contributing open-space which is of no significance to the nomination and is not eligible for listing in the National Register, such as a parking lot, etc.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

## NOMINATION FORM

1700734604

for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON:					
Mt. Rainier-Old Commercial Area					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
3405 Rhode Island Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN:					
Mt. Rainier					
STATE			COUNTY:		
Maryland			Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
				ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) SURVEY OF LAND	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME:					
Adah Chapter No. 25 -- Order of the Eastern Star					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
4401 34th Street					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Mt. Rainier			Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Prince George's County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Upper Marlboro			Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
None					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)    (Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The building is a 2 1/2 story brick commercial structure with a shingled gable roof. The second floor has three bricked-in windows with segmental relieving arches. On the main floor is a segmentally arched double door. Along the side walls are buttresses. An iron bar runs across the facade; it is attached to the building by a decorative leaf-shaped bolts.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Building was originally a grocery store. Was left to Eastern Star, who let Masonic Lodge use it. Street cars used to make a loop next door. (Information from city officer of Mt. Rainier.)

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"		
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"		
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"		
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 3/2/73
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

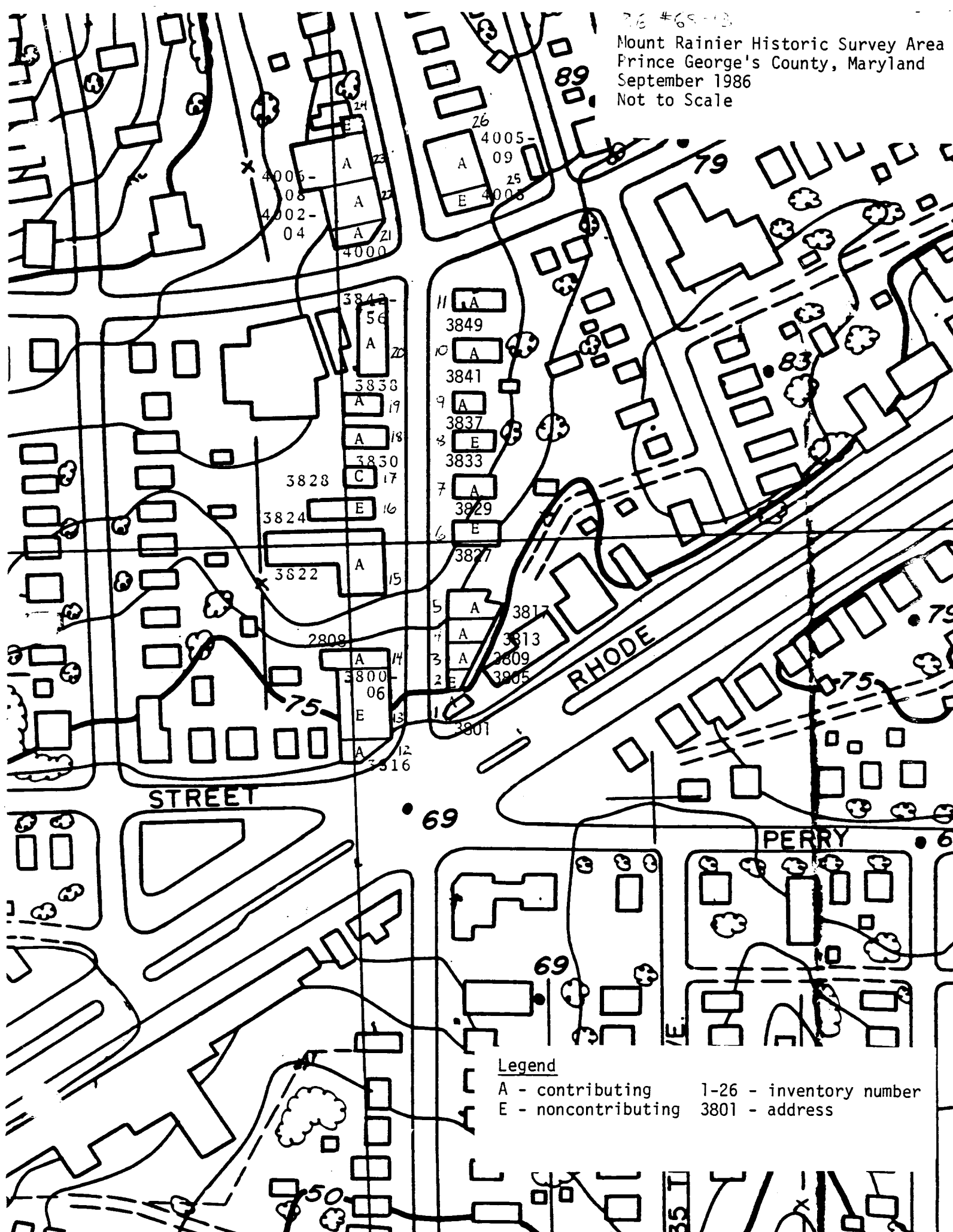
Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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26 #65-13  
 Mount Rainier Historic Survey Area  
 Prince George's County, Maryland  
 September 1986  
 Not to Scale



Legend

A - contributing      1-26 - inventory number  
 E - noncontributing      3801 - address



MT. RANIER #68-13

NAME ~~BRENTWOOD, Md~~ - OLD COMMERCIAL AREA

LOCATION 34TH ST. + R.I. AVE BRENTWOOD, Md

FACADE NW

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